

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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IDENTITY CARDS TO RAIL HAWKERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to introduce Identity Cards to Rail hawkers and Contractors/Workers; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) and (b): Instructions have been issued to the railways to ensure that the staff of authorised railway catering contractors are given photo identity cards. However, unauthorised hawkers on the railway premises and on trains are punished under the provisions of Section 144 of the Railways Act, 1989. Action is taken by Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police to evict them as they cause inconvenience to the passengers. Therefore, there is no question of issuing identity cards to them.